

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, 50 to 99 % by weight of a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes: and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away

wherein

said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight;

said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of ester oils, triglyceride oils, cetanol, myristyl alcohol, stearyl alcohol, behenyl alcohol, 2-octyldodecanol, hydrocarbon oils, polydimethylsiloxanes, vegetable oils, animal oils and a mixture thereof; and

said solvent comprises about 10% by weight of ethanol and a component is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, wherein the component is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates, and N-methylpyrrolidone, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein the hair to which said hair treatment composition has been applied is covered so that a component of said hair treatment composition may not escape while being allowed to stand.

Claim 3 (Currently Amended): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, 50 to 99 % by weight of a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) warming the hair at a prescribed temperature for a prescribed period of time with the hair being covered; and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away,

wherein said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight;

wherein said solvent comprises about 10% by weight of ethanol and a component wherein the component is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates, N-methylpyrrolidone, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 4 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3, wherein said warming the hair is carried out at 35°C or higher for 3 minutes or longer.

Claim 5 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 3 or 4, wherein said warming the hair is carried out with a hair warming cap having heating parts.

Claims 6-15 (Canceled).

Claim 16 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is an ester oil selected from the group consisting of isopropyl palmitate, isopropyl myristate, octyl palmitate, cetyl palmitate, propylene glycol dicaprate,

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neopentyl glycol dicaprate, neopentyl glycol di(2-ethylhexanoate), isononyl isononanoate and a mixture thereof.

Claim 17 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is a triglyceride oil selected from the group consisting of glycerol tri(2-ethylhexanoate), glycerol tricaprate and a mixture thereof.

Claim 18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein said solvent is a liquid at ambient temperature and carries a hydroxyl group.

Claim 21 (Canceled).

Claim 22 (Currently Amended): The method of conditioning hair according to claim 1, wherein ~~said solvent~~ the component is selected from the group consisting of ~~behenyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol,~~ glycerol, propylene glycol, dipropylene glycol, propylene carbonate, N-methylpyrrolidone and ~~a mixture~~ mixtures thereof.

Claim 23 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said dry hair has a water content of 20 % by weight or less.

Claim 24 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

Claim 25 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said oil agent comprises isopropyl palmitate.

Claim 26 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

Claim 27 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein said solvent is at least one solvent selected from the group consisting of benzyloxyethanol and dipropylene glycol.

Claim 28 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.

Claim 29 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein hair conditioning results from applying said hair treatment composition.

Claim 30 (Currently Amended): A method of conditioning hair comprising:

i) applying a hair treatment composition consisting essentially of 0.5 to 25 % by weight of at least one oil agent, 50 to 99 % by weight of a solvent, and having a water content of 0 to 15 % by weight to dry hair;

ii) allowing the hair to stand for 3 to 120 minutes: and

iii) washing the hair treatment composition away

wherein

said dry hair has a water content of not more than 30% by weight;

said oil agent is selected from the group consisting of liquid paraffin and octamethylsiloxane; and

said solvent comprises about 10% by weight of ethanol and a component is selected from the group consisting of lower alcohols having 1 to 6 carbon atoms, wherein the component is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates, and N-methylpyrrolidone, and mixtures thereof.

Claim 31 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 1, wherein the at least one oil agent is present in an amount of about 5% by weight and the solvent is present in an amount of about 95% by weight.

Claim 32 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 3, wherein the at least one oil agent is present in an amount of about 5% by weight and the solvent is present in an amount of about 95% by weight.

Claim 33 (Previously Presented): The method of conditioning hair of claim 30, wherein the at least one oil agent is present in an amount of about 5% by weight and the solvent is present in an amount of about 95% by weight.

DISCUSSION OF AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5, 16-17, 19-20, and 22-33 are pending.

Claims 1, 3, 22, and 30 are amended.

Claims 1, 3, and 30 are amended so that "said solvent comprises about 10% by weight of ethanol and a component wherein the component is selected from the group consisting of benzyl alcohol, benzyloxyethanol, polyhydric alcohols, alkylene carbonates, N-methylpyrrolidone, and mixtures thereof." The amendment is supported by the disclosure at page 3, lines 13-19, and the embodiments disclosed in Examples 4-7. The amendment of Claim 1 necessitates the amendment of Claim 22.

No new matter is believed to be added upon entry of the amendment.

Upon entry of the amendment, Claims 1-5, 16-17, 19-20, and 22-33 will be active.